

Ambler Road EIS Cooperating Agency Monthly Meeting

November 12, 2019 1:00-2:00 pm

In Fairbanks: BLM-AK FDO Steese White Mountains Conference Room

In Anchorage: BLM-State Offices 4th Floor, Kodiak A Conference Room

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Agenda

Please note: all discussions during cooperating agency meetings and products distributed to cooperating agencies should not be shared outside your organization. If you get a request from an outside entity about the Ambler EIS process, please direct them to the BLM's project manager, Tina McMaster-Goering 907-271-1310.

- Introductions
- Topics
 - DEIS Status Update
 - The draft EIS was published and available for comment starting on August 23, 2019.
 - Comment Period was extended 2 weeks to October 29, 2019, making a total comment period of 68 days.
 - Notice of availability was published on August 30, 2019.
 - BLM held 21 hearings and a teleconference with WACH communities; transcripts are posted on ePlanning.
 - Comments Received
 - 9,019 Wilderness Watch email form letters
 - 2,557 NPCA email form letters
 - ~40 Trilogy initiated form letters via email
 - 288 unique emails
 - 16,883 communications via CARA (16,526 were form letters)
 - 281 transcript commenters
 - The following cooperating agencies submitted comments:
 - NAB; Noorvik Native Community; State of Alaska; USACE; Alatna Traditional Council; Allakaket Tribal Council; EPA;
 - FEIS Status
 - Target date to start CA Preliminary FEIS review: 12/16/19 - 1/2/19
 - CA review meeting 12/17/19
 - Target date for DOI Washington DC briefing: 1/17/20
 - Target date for FEIS publication 1/24/20
 - Earliest date for ROD signature 2/24/20
 - Section 106 update
 - PA and CRMP Status
 - Consultation Update
 - Government to Government meetings
 - Request from Kobuk Tribal Council for November 19, 2019

- Cooperative Agency Updates
 - State of Alaska – ADNR, DEC, DHSS, ADFG, ADOT
 - Allakaket Tribal Council and Alatna Traditional Council
 - EPA
 - Hughes Traditional Council
 - Noorvik Native Community
 - Northwest Arctic Borough
 - NPS
 - USACE
 - USCG
- In lieu of the regular monthly CA meeting, we will hold an Agency meeting on the FEIS on December 17th we will discuss the location and time.